



17th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We already have a large number of our mentors who we know will not be in school for Progress Review Day (PRD) on Thursday 19th March. We also took a decision not to allow parents to attend this day because the risk of infection.

It is difficult to see how we can have a meaningful PRD in the circumstances and also given there is every chance that more staff will be off school by then. With fourteen days self-isolation for families and absent teachers not returning to us for some time the problem accumulates as time moves on. We are not able to open normally on Thursday, as we have no canteen facility (as it was a calendared PRD).

Added to this we have scheduled a range of practical exams for year eleven next week – drama, dance and food. I am very concerned that we take any opportunity we can to let our students complete these exams for which they have been preparing.

As a result of these three factors we will open on Thursday for year eleven and year thirteen and for any year twelve with an exam. This will enable us to focus the teaching staff on the key exam groups and ensure they have full access to any self-study materials they will need in the weeks ahead. Any practical exams we are able to complete will be held on Thursday to avoid year eleven missing exams they have spent time preparing for.

I will contact you all tomorrow regarding Friday 20th March. At this stage, I would anticipate closure to Y7 and Y8 as a minimum with a significant chance of closure to some other year groups.

I am really sorry that we are not able to offer the full curriculum to all year groups and we have sought to meet the highest priorities.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rob Corbett', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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